

REMARKS

In the cited reference and, particularly, in the material cited, the volume manager looks up characteristics of a request for storage space and compares and locates the best matching drive by reviewing volume characteristic information stored in the table. But this does not in any way control management of data storage by said client based on information in the message. Based on information in the message, the volume manager finds the suitable space, but he does not manage the data storage in any way. The data is stored as it always would have been, it is just stored in a place determined by the volume manager.

Thus, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Specifically, with respect to claim 10, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is not commensurate with the scope of the claim. The rejection states that Pothapragada discloses a method "including receiving a message including an identifier, which specifies the task, to perform on a storage device. Even if this were true, and it is not, it does not meet the scope of the claim which calls for including an identifier indicating a change to a partition on said storage device. There is nothing about partitions in the cited material in Pothapragada.

In other words, while the rejection might address claim 9, it ignores the limitations of claim 10. Reconsideration is requested. On a similar basis, reconsideration of the rejection of claim 20 is respectfully requested.

Finally, claim 31 is rejected. That claim calls for controlling the organization of how data is stored by said client. It is suggested that Pothapragada discloses the method of claim 1 wherein controlling management of data storage includes controlling the organization of how data is stored. But nothing in any of this material has anything to do with controlling how data is stored. All Pothapragada teaches is figuring out where data is stored. The organization of how data is stored is never addressed.

Therefore, reconsideration of the rejection of claim 31 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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